



## Technical Assistance Exchange July 5, 2012

A weekly update for Aging & Disability Resource Centers, Community Living Programs, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs, Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Service Program and their Partners

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### Learning Symposium Agenda

NASUAD will be hosting ACL grantees for a Learning Symposium on **September 10th, 2012**, the day before their National Home and Community Based Services Conference begins. The Learning Symposium is designed for state and program staff involved in ADRC, Options Counseling Standards, Evidence-Based Care Transitions, Systems Integration, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs, and Lifespan Respite programs and grantees may use funds they budgeted for National

### CMS Makes More Funding Available for Affordable Insurance Exchanges

The Department of Health and Human Services has announced expanded funding to help states implement affordable insurance exchanges. The funding opportunity will provide states with 10 additional opportunities to apply for funding to establish a state-based exchange, state partnership exchange, or to prepare state systems for a federally facilitated exchange.

To date, 34 states and the District of Columbia have received approximately \$850 million in Exchange Establishment Level One and Level Two cooperative agreements to fund their progress toward building exchanges. CMS released [Additional Guidance](#) on how this funding may be used. The [Full Announcement](#) for this funding opportunity is available online.

Affordable insurance exchanges are one provision of the Affordable Care Act which the United States Supreme Court's [Recent Decision](#) upheld. When the law is fully implemented in 2014, these exchanges will provide people and small businesses with one-stop shops to find, compare and purchase affordable, high-quality health insurance.

### n4a Tradeshaw and ADRCs

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) is holding their 37th Annual Conference and Tradeshaw in Denver, Colorado July 7-11. It will showcase the most innovative policies, programs, and services that assist older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

Please consider taking advantage of sessions relating to ACL's

Meetings to attend. An updated [Draft Learning Symposium Agenda](#) is now available for grantees to consult as they make travel arrangements. A more detailed agenda will be released in the near future.

\*See [Upcoming Conferences](#) for more information

\*[Register Here](#)

grant programs. The conference will offer opportunities to dialogue with ACL/AoA Regional Administrators. To see other sessions of interest, please check the [Conference Agenda](#). More conference information is available in [Upcoming Conferences](#) below.

## New Resources



The NASUAD [Strengthening the Aging Network Online Learning Curriculum](#) is an AoA supported initiative aimed at increasing the capacity of individuals and state agencies across the country to enhance their ability to work in the development and operation of long-term services and supports (LTSS) systems. The seven modules cover topics such as Mitigating Budget Challenges, Complying with Olmstead, and Advocating for Scarce Resources.



U.S. Government Accountability Office [Report on States' Plans to Pursue New and Revised Options for Home- and Community-Based Services](#) assesses the implementation status of the four Medicaid HCBS options in the Affordable Care Act. GAO assessed (1) how the four options are structured to increase the availability of services, (2) what is known about states' plans to use the options, and (3) factors affecting states' decisions regarding implementing the options.



[BridgingApps](#) is a volunteer community sharing information on ways to use mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, with people who have special needs. These mobile devices can provide accessibility for people who may have been previously disengaged from the world because of challenging language, motor, or other developmental delays. The site also contains [Funding Information](#) on opportunities to help pay for one of these devices.

## Upcoming Calls and Webinars

### 1) Webinar: Connecting the Aging Network, Individuals with Dementia, and Caregivers with Research Opportunities

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Administration on Aging (AoA), in partnership with grantees including the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers, Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center, and the Eldercare Locator are partnering to host a webinar series to improve coordination of resources available to assist persons with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias and their family caregivers! All are invited - especially new staff / interns / volunteers, or those just interested in getting a refresher.

\*July 12, 2012, 1:30-3:00 PM ET

\*[More Information and Registration](#)

## **2) RESCHEDULED Webinar: Developing Partnerships: Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Money Follows the Person, and Centers for Independent Living**

The Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have a partnership to lead transformation of long term services and supports systems through initiatives such as the ADRC and MFP Rebalancing Demonstrations. This webinar explores the role of Centers for Independent Living and highlights state innovations in ADRC/MFP/CIL Partnerships. CIL administrators and staff are especially encouraged to take part in this discussion hosted by NCIL.

**\*July 12, 2012, 3:00-4:30 PM ET**

**\*Call-in: (800) 683-4564 Passcode: 866844**

**[\\*Register Here](#)**

## **3) Online Course: Implementing Olmstead: ABCs of Nursing Home Transition**

During this three-week distance course, participants will learn about how the ADA formed the basis for the Olmstead Decision and the use of the Olmstead Decision to facilitate transition from nursing homes to community-based living. Participants will learn to identify the essential steps in the transition process, barriers to successful transition, and strategies to address the barriers.

**\*August 6-24, 2012**

**\*Registration Deadline: July 18, 2012**

**[\\*More Information](#)**

**[\\*Register Here](#) (\$100 Fee)**

## **Upcoming Conferences**

### **1) n4a 37th Annual Conference and Tradeshow**

Join n4a in Denver, CO for their 37th Annual Conference and Tradeshow, where they will showcase the most innovative policies, programs, and services that assist older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

**\*July 7-11, 2012**

**\*Denver, CO**

**[\\*More Information](#)**

**[\\*Register Here](#)**

### **2) NASUAD, National Home and Community Based Services Conference**

Please join NASUAD for the National Home and Community Based Services Conference, which will showcase innovative national, federal, state and local delivery and policy developments vital for assuring Americans of all ages and abilities receive the highest quality community living supports, care, and services possible. Federal, state and local leaders, advocates, and champions for children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities from across

the nation are invited to attend the conference. NASUAD will also host the September 10th Learning Symposium. It is designed for state and program staff involved in ADRC, Options Counseling Standards, Evidence-Based Care Transitions, Systems Integration, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs, and Lifespan Respite programs and grantees may use funds they budgeted for National Meetings to attend. An updated [Draft Learning Symposium Agenda](#) is now available for grantees to consult as they make travel arrangements.

**\*September 11 -13, 2012**

**\*Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia**

**\*[More Information](#)**

**\*[Register Here](#) (fees increase August 3)**

## **TAE Update of the Week:**

There has been new activity in the [TAE Online Discussion Forum](#) on the ADRC-TAE Website. You can access the TAE Online Discussion Forum in the side navigation window on the homepage (below the Twitter and "ADRCs in the News" buttons). Check it out and join the discussion!

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